Announcement of Board Candidates

The 26-member ACCT Board of Directors consists of 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors-at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. Directors serve staggered terms.

At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one regional director is elected from each of the five regions at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings, and three directors are elected at large at the Senate Meeting.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Sunday, February 10, to interview and nominate candidates for regional directors and support directors-at-large. Candidates are listed to the right.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR
(1) Three-Year Term in Each Region

The following is the slate of nominees:

Central Region – Jay Nardini*
Hawkeye Community College, IA

Northeast Region – David Mathis*
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

Pacific Region – Stephan Castellanos*
San Joaquin Delta College, CA

Southern Region – Tamela Cullens*
South Florida State College, FL

Western Region – Steven Anderson*
Northeast Community College, NE

DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE
(3) Three-Year Terms

The following is the slate of nominees:

Tim Hardy*
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA

Rosaelena O’Neil*
Northern Virginia Community College, VA

Arturo Reyes*
Mott Community College, MI

Nominations must be received by July 1, 2019 in order to appear in the fall 2019 issue of Advisor. Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committee.

Note: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.
2020 Board/Diversity Committee
Candidate Statements

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

CENTRAL REGION

Jay Nardini
Hawkeye Community College, IA

I am in my eighth year as an elected Trustee of Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, Iowa, now serving as Board Chair. I have also served as Chair of our State Trustee Board and am completing my second elected term representing the Central Region on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. I strongly support our community college system and the pivotal role it plays in educating our students and training our nation’s workforce. My desire is to strengthen membership engagement and increase trustee educational options while serving as your Central Regional Director on the ACCT Board of Directors. Thank you in advance for your support. See you in San Francisco.

NORTHEAST REGION

David Mathis
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY

I believe in opportunity, I believe in hope, and above all I believe in helping the disadvantaged. People within our communities who are discarded can find the jobs and the hope they need to build new lives through the power and promise of education. As a long-time trustee of Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC), I understand that education is the bridge to work. I have ensured that MVCC is strongly connected to our One-Stop Career Centers by serving as a bridge to connect the needs of employers with college. For 32 years as the Director of Workforce Development for Oneida County, I know that the education and training at our community college is the best value available to community members.

It has been my honor to serve community colleges at the national, state, and local levels. I currently serve as the Vice-Chair of the ACCT Board of Directors. Additionally, I have been a member of the New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Board of Directors for over 32 years. I also have been a member of MVCC’s Board of Trustees for 41 years, which I chaired eight times and to which I was the first alumnus to be appointed. Moreover, I have been honored with the Anne Bushnell Award from NYCCT as well as the M. Dale Ensign Trustee Award from ACCT. Since 1990 to presently, I have attended most ACCT Community College National Legislative Summit and ACCT Leadership Congress events. I have the qualifications and the will to continue serving as one of your Northeast Regional Directors. I would appreciate your continued support.

PACIFIC REGION

Stephan Castellanos
San Joaquin Delta College, CA

The California Community Colleges are among the largest and most diverse systems in the United States. They are an essential component of California’s economic engine and improve the lives of many Californians. I am committed to removing barriers and improving access to our colleges. It is important to collaborate across systems, develop pathways to success and to ensure equity. Student success and equity initiatives are changing our colleges.

However, without adequately prepared and educated boards, success is slowed and limited. ACCT’s mission of creating excellence in governance is critical as our systems face a demanding future. Effective trustees and boards are essential to effective advocacy. I have seen the power of education first hand. In a single generation, my family realized the American dream, each of us benefiting from our immigrant parent’s commitment to education. Let’s continue to build on that promise.

SOUTHERN REGION

Tamela Cullens
South Florida State College, FL

As a dedicated advocate for youth and young adults, Tamela Cullens has more than 20 years of experience in higher education leadership and community engagement. Cullens sits on several boards and currently chairs the District Board of Trustees for South Florida State College, a position she has held twice before. Throughout her leadership roles, she directs the policies and operations of influential community organizations that promote education and advancement in the tri-county region of DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands counties.

Cullens approaches each position and project with a strong work ethic and an enthusiasm to contribute knowledge and experience that benefits young people throughout Florida. As a leader, she understands the state’s economic and scholastic needs and can make cooperative decisions to benefit all involved. Cullens has a strength for simultaneously managing multiple projects and assembling and supporting cohesive teams. She has an unwavering commitment to her fellow board members and the communities she serves.
Steven Anderson
Northeast Community College, NE

Steven Anderson’s dedication and experience with the Northeast Community College (NCC) Board of Governors has truly been an asset to the institution in the twenty-plus years he has served. With a solid background in the banking and agriculture industries, he brings a wealth of information and insight to each meeting of the College Board of Governors. Anderson has worked on a number of initiatives over the years that have called upon his agriculture and business expertise, including capital campaigns for a new agricultural arena, a state of art nursing facility and currently a proposed Agriculture and Water Center of Excellence. His leadership with the Nebraska Community College Association has also been noted and recognized.

As a community college graduate, Anderson understands the need to provide a highly skilled and trained workforce to meet the economic requirements of the region the NCC serves. His many strengths are invaluable.

Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA

Timothy W. Hardy is the past chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the Louisiana Community & Technical College System (LCTCS), having served on the Board since 2010. He was elected to the ACCT Board of Directors in 2016. He currently sits on the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee and previously served on the ACCT Public Policy & Advocacy Committee. An environmental attorney by trade, Hardy holds high the value of community and technical colleges throughout the country. In addition to chairman of the LCTCS Board, he also served in the roles of first and second vice chair and is currently the chair of the Personnel Committee. He was point person for multiple chancellor searches as well as a President search for LCTCS.

Hardy has been instrumental in helping to secure more than $300 million in funding for 29 new workforce development facility projects and supported board action that led to record graduates and other policies that helped to grow enrollment and foundation assets. He is a native Louisianan and understands the positive impact of community and technical colleges on the state’s residents, communities, and economy.

Rosaelena O’Neil
Northern Virginia Community College, VA

It is an honor to request your support to allow me to serve you on the ACCT Board of Directors.

With over 23 years of experience in education advocacy and leadership development I have worked to develop the knowledge, experience and advocacy relationships necessary to effectively open access to education, support student success strategies and develop clear pathways to workforce opportunities.

My work in higher education has been to push for innovation and clarity in well-articulated curriculum that aligns with workforce demands and ongoing technological change. Creating the workforce of the future requires the building of partnerships across all sectors of the economy to stimulate growth and to support learning and the development of applied skills that translate to successful outcomes in employment. Preparing and supporting our trustees to be great stewards and effective advocates at both the regional and national stage is critical in completing our mission to promote high quality, affordable higher education.

Announcement of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Candidates

The Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee consists of 10 elected members, two from each region. Committee members serve staggered two-year terms. At the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress, one member is elected from each of the five regions during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings.

Regional Nominating Committees met during the Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) on Sunday, February 10 to interview and nominate candidates for the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

2020 Candidates for the ACCT Diversity Committee

(1) Two-Year Term in Each Region

The following is the slate of nominees:

CENTRAL REGION
Marc Wiley*
Prairie State College, IL

NORTHEAST REGION
Mary Zimmerman*
Union County College, NJ

PACIFIC REGION
No Nominees

SOUTHERN REGION
Tina Royal*
Davidson County Community College, NC

WESTERN REGION
Belen Robles*
El Paso Community College, TX

Candidates with an asterisk received the support of their respective Regional Nominating Committees.
Arturo Reyes
*Mott Community College, MI*

It has been my great pleasure and honor to serve as a trustee for Mott Community College (MCC) in Flint, Michigan for the past 2 years. I have experience in board level service in many non-profit organizations in the Greater Flint Area and have served as president of UAW Local 651 in Flint for nearly 8 years. I have been an electrician for General Motors for nearly 30 years, so I am fully engaged in the push to see our younger people (as well as those who’ve found themselves displaced) go into the skilled trades. I know firsthand the opportunities which allow for journeypersons to earn a good living, contribute to their local community and support a family. I have been very active in my community and wish to bring that passion to another level to help others.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE**

**CENTRAL REGION**

Marc Wiley
*Prairie State College, IL*

With more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement, Marc Wiley has gained vast knowledge about the different ethnic, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds that make up the communities in which he has served. Through his close connection with the community and other members of law enforcement, both as a police officer and fellow member of the community himself, Wiley has a unique perspective on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. He has ultimately seen how these practices play an essential role in ensuring a community that continues to thrive. He is dedicated to helping individuals in all communities—whether urban, suburban, or rural—to overcome adversity. Wiley's commitment to the power of a united community is unwavering. Furthermore, this makes him an invaluable candidate to serve on the ACCT Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee.

**NORTHEAST REGION**

Mary Zimmerman
*Union County College, NJ*

Mary Zimmermann is a self-described “professional volunteer.” She has been a member of the college’s board of governors since 2006 and board of trustees since 2008. She currently serves as vice chair of the college’s board of trustees and chair of the Education Planning and Policy Committee. In addition to serving on the boards, Zimmermann is also a proud graduate of the college. She is active within ACCT and has been a member of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee since 2016. In 2017, Zimmermann was elected to the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. Additionally, she volunteers with many organizations. She is active with Meals on Wheels and the food pantry at St. Teresa of Avila Church. She serves as one of five commissioners on the Summit Housing Authority (SHA) which owns and manages 195 low-rent family, elderly, and handicapped housing units.

**SOUTHERN REGION**

Tina Royal
*Davidson County Community College, NC*

I am honored to be a candidate for the ACCT Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. I have served for many years on the Board of Directors for various boards throughout my county of residence. At Davidson County Community College, I have also served many different roles as a board member. Additionally, I am a firm believer in the “Community First” motto. This motto drives me to serve and give my time and knowledge to organizations.

Service to others contributes to my zeal for life. I enjoy when I see a person that is appreciative of assistance and care. I live by the term daily, “Do something for someone who can never repay you.” I believe this is shown through my great leadership skills and being a great team player on my board so that every project meets its expectations.

I have a huge interest in my community to make sure people are not denied opportunities of betterment due to the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, or sexual orientation. Over the years, I have worked tirelessly to keep others involved and contribute to making the livelihood of others better in their communities and workplace.

**WESTERN REGION**

Belen Robles
*El Paso Community College, TX*

Throughout my career and community involvement, I have been committed to playing an active role in the corridors of power to ensure that underrepresented voices are heard. I believe that education is key to equity and understand that community colleges are a strong, friendly choice for diverse students. Therefore, I was part of the group of community members and organizations that fought to establish El Paso Community College in 1969 and have remained involved ever since.

As a candidate for the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee in the Western Region, I would like to use my background and experience to help ACCT strengthen connections with minority members, identify issues and work with members to find ways to make our nation’s community colleges more equitable to all students. We need to work together to be as inclusive as possible so that students can successfully achieve their dreams by not only starting, but successfully finishing their education.

I am committed to serving ACCT, our member colleges and our nation’s students by being a bold voice in support of diversity, equity and inclusion for the governance activities of ACCT.
HOW TO JOIN THE ACCT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Declaring your candidacy for a seat on the ACCT Board of Directors indicates that once elected, you will honor your commitment as a board member to attend and participate in all committee and board meetings. These meetings are held during the ACCT Annual Leadership Congress, the National Legislative Summit and the Annual Summer Board Retreat; and when necessary, via teleconference between these three annual meetings if and when required, to transact the business of the association. Your declared candidacy also serves as confirmation that your institution is willing to financially support your expenses related to travel and hotel accommodations during these meetings.

There are two ways to run for a seat (Regional Director or Director at-Large) on the ACCT Board of Directors:

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Please e-mail your nomination materials to nominations@acct.org.
ACCT will respond to your submission via e-mail within three working days. Please contact ACCT Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations Jee Hang Lee at jhee@acct.org if you do NOT receive a response within three working days.

Nominations will also be accepted via standard mail (return receipt requested). Mail nominations to: ACCT President, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036.

NOTE: Each member of the Board of Directors at the time of election must be a member of a Voting Member. Voting Members are defined as governing and advisory boards of accredited not-for-profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate, and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions. Per the ACCT Bylaws, no more than one (1) member from any member board may serve as an elected member on the ACCT Board of Directors at the same time.

NOTE: Nominations will be accepted from the floor on all elections.

*The process for running for an elected seat on the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee is the same as running for a seat on the board. All trustees interested in serving as an elected member of the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee should use the same instructions listed above.*

If you wish to run for a seat in San Francisco during the 2019 Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and appear in the Advisor, you are required to notify the ACCT President at the Washington, D.C. office in writing of your intent to run.

Your notification must be received with a postmark date of July 1, 2019, or by electronic mail (preferred method) by close of business on July 1, 2019. The President will send candidate information received within 30 days prior to the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Any candidate who declares their intention to run for a seat on the Board of Directors up to 30 days prior to the election will automatically receive from the appropriate ACCT staff all the same information provided to candidates who declared their candidacies by the July 1 deadline.
According to Article XIV of the ACCT Bylaws, amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted as follows:

**Procedure for Submitting Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws**

**Section 1. Origination**
Proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be submitted in writing by: the Executive Committee, the Governance and Bylaws Committee, the Board of Directors, or at least five Voting Members.

**Section 2. Procedure**
a. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing no later than July 1 of that year to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president, unless proposed by said committee, for its consideration and its recommendations to the Board of Directors. Upon approval or disapproval by the Board of Directors, the proposal will be forwarded to the Senate for action with the Board of Directors’ recommendations.

b. If the Governance and Bylaws Committee recommends modification of a proposal and the Board of Directors approves the modification or approves an alternative modification, the sponsor shall be so notified of the proposed modification. Should the sponsor find the modification unacceptable, the original proposal, together with the Board of Directors’ recommendation, shall be submitted to the Senate for action.

c. Written notice of the proposed change shall be sent to each Voting Member at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

d. The Senate shall consider all proposed amendments that meet the requirements, and any proposed amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting to be adopted.

e. An amendment becomes effective at the close of the Senate meeting at which it was adopted.

**Future dates for**

**THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. | MARRIOTT MARQUIS**

**February 9 – 12, 2020 | February 7 – 10, 2021**
PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS

According to Article V, Section 7 of the ACCT Bylaws, resolutions to be voted on by the ACCT Senate may be submitted in the following ways:

a. Proposed resolutions relating to governance of the Association shall be submitted in writing to the Governance and Bylaws Committee through the president no later than July 1 of that year. Proposed resolutions may be submitted by a Voting Member, the Board of Directors, or by the Governance and Bylaws Committee.
b. The Governance and Bylaws Committee shall study all proposals received and shall forward with comments to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall prepare a report of its recommendations. Such report shall be distributed to the Voting Members of the Association no later than 30 days in advance of the Senate meeting at which the resolutions shall be considered.
c. Proposed resolutions following the process of paragraphs a. and b. above must have a majority vote of the voting delegates present and voting to be adopted.
d. Proposed resolutions not meeting the requirements set forth above may be considered by the Senate under the following procedure:
   1. The proposed resolution must be submitted to the president in writing, signed by the voting delegates of at least five Voting Members prior to the Senate meeting.
   2. The Senate must suspend the rules, without debate, by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.
   3. The proposed resolution must be adopted by a two-thirds favorable vote of the voting delegates present and voting.

e. Resolutions adopted by the Senate shall expire on the termination date set in the Resolution, or if there is not a termination date, three years after the date of adoption, unless re-authorized by the Senate.

Regional Nominating Committee

ACCT Regional Chairs invite member trustees to serve on Regional Nominating Committees. The commitment of Nominating Committee members in carrying out their duties helps to ensure that the Association’s future leadership is comprised of member trustees who have demonstrated quality leadership in community colleges. Nominating Committee members interview and nominate candidates who are committed to and support the fulfillment of ACCT’s vision — Community college governing boards are THE LEADING ADVOCATES of the nation’s community college system.

Responsibilities

Regional Nominating Committees are the key to a successful election process for the ACCT Board of Directors and Diversity Committee. Each year, the committees are responsible for reviewing candidate applications, interviewing candidates, and nominating person(s) for Regional Director and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee membership. Nominating Committees may also support Director-at-Large candidates.

Election/Composition/Terms

Each of ACCT’s five regions elects nominating committee member(s) from the Voting Members of that region at the Regional Caucuses and Meetings held during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress. Nominating Committees are composed of five members each. No more than one member shall be from the same state. Nominating Committee members shall serve staggered two-year terms. They may serve more than one term, but terms may not be consecutive. The chair of each Nominating Committee shall be elected by the members of the respective Nominating Committee at the close of each Regional Caucus.

Committee Meetings (Interviews)

Regional Nominating Committee meetings are scheduled annually in conjunction with the Community College National Legislative Summit that takes place in Washington, D.C. Committee members receive interview schedules and candidate information prior to the meeting(s). All expenses related to attending the meeting are the college’s responsibility.
Nominating Committee Members Currently Serving

Elections for Regional Nominating Committee members will be held at the 2019 ACCT Leadership Congress in San Francisco, California during the Regional Caucuses and Meetings on Thursday, October 17 at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square. Below are the members currently serving on Regional Nominating Committees and their corresponding term expirations. Please note that terms ending in 2019 will expire upon the conclusion of the Regional Caucuses and Meetings. Only newly elected and sitting committee members will vote for the chair of the Committee at the close of the meeting.

CENTRAL REGION (3 seats expire in 2019)
- **Mary Kay Thayer**, Committee Chair
  Monroe County Community College, MI
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **Betty Bruski Mallek**, Mid-State Technical College, WI
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Mark Crimmins**, Iowa Central Community College, IA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **Doris Graham**, St. Louis Community College, MO
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Donna Redmer**, Elgin Community College, IL*
  Term Expiration: 10/2019

NORTHEAST REGION (3 seats expires in 2019)
- **Gloria Aparicio Blackwell**, Committee Chair
  Montgomery College, MD
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Jerome Bost**, Suffolk County Community College, NY
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Pamela Johnson**, Community College of Beaver County, PA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **Betti Singh**, Warren County Community College, NJ
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **VACANT**

PACIFIC REGION (2 seats expire in 2019)
- **Tamra Jackson**, Committee Chair
  Wenatchee Valley College, WA
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Mohamed Alyajouri**, Portland Community College, OR
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **Carol Del Carlo**, Nevada System of Higher Education, NV
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Linda Handy**, Peralta Community College District, CA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **Jane Strain**, Cochise College, AZ
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

SOUTHERN REGION (2 seats expire in 2019)
- **Sandra Jackson**, Committee Chair
  Midlands Technical College, SC
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Robert Chester**, Albany Technical College, GA
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **Dallas Freeman**, Fayetteville Technical Community College, NC
  Term Expiration: 10/2019
- **John Mitten**, Pasco-Hernando State College, FL
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Hong Xu**, Northern Virginia Community College, VA
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

WESTERN REGION (No seats will expire in 2019)
- **Darrell Shumway**, Committee Chair
  Pratt Community College, KS
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Austin Miller**, Central Community College District, NE
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Steven Peck**, Central Wyoming College, WY
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Gene Sprague**, Alamo Colleges, TX
  Term Expiration: 10/2020
- **Patty Theobald**, Colorado Mountain College
  Term Expiration: 10/2020

*One-year partial term to fill a vacancy and is therefore eligible for reelection

If you are interested in serving on a Regional Nominating Committee, please email nominations@acct.org or contact your Regional Chair:

**Central Regional Chair**
John Lukas
doctorule@ậtltc.edu

**Southern Regional Chair**
Tami Cullens
tamicullens@southflorida.edu

**Northeast Regional Chair**
Hector Ortiz
richie1166@msn.com

**Western Regional Chair**
Kent Miller
komics7@gmail.com

**Pacific Regional Chair**
John Leal
john.leal@scccd.edu

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Your Board and Committees at Work

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee discussed the Second Chance Pell program as an ACCT legislative priority and was informed of a forthcoming congressional briefing on the matter. The committee engaged in a robust roundtable discussion on embracing the newly published Equity Action Agenda. The discussion focused on how committee member institutions implemented the Equity Action Agenda at their respective colleges.

The Finance and Audit Committee met with the Association's auditors to review and discuss the FY 2019 Audit. Changes in accounting and audit standards were discussed as well as risk management approaches. The committee discussed the focus of the grant resource development subcommittee as well as reviewing outsourced services and contracts. The new ACCT outsourced CFO discussed engagement with a new accounting firm and reviewed with the committee the proposed FY 2020 operating budget. A new subcommittee was formed to audit the Association's membership dues fees schedule. Finally, the committee discussed the Association's various investments with the investment advisory engagement team.

The Governance and Bylaws Committee received and discussed a proposal to update the ACCT board resolution concerning baccalaureate degrees and ways the Association can be more supportive of community colleges conferring these degrees. A recommendation to conduct an operational evaluation of the Association was made and discussed.

The Member Communications and Education Committee discussed current and past mechanisms for membership engagement and the discontinued regional meetings. The committee also discussed open educational resources and creating a “spotlight session” at the 2019 ACCT Leadership Congress. ACCT Board of Directors succession planning was discussed as well as the ACCT committee application process.

The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee was provided an overview of the current status of federal funding for fiscal year 2019 and community college funding priorities for fiscal year 2020 and priorities for the Pell Grant program. Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act was discussed as well as the release of three new ACCT white papers focusing on males at urban and rural community colleges, and the national landscape for apprenticeship programs.

Board of Directors
During the Board of Directors meeting, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges Casey Sacks provided brief remarks emphasizing the current focus on supporting local decision making and reducing the federal footprint in education. The department is also focused on apprenticeships and partnerships in alignment with the President’s Council for the American Worker, to consolidate the various federal programs working toward the same goals, which will provide additional funding for new job training programs. The Board approved the updated travel reimbursement program to bring the association into compliance with IRS regulations relative to per diem payments for members. The Finance and Audit Committee presented the following motions which were approved by the Board; (1) acceptance of the 2019 Audit Engagement Letter; (2) delaying approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget until after the 3rd quarter financials are completed; (3) acceptance of the draft Form 990; and (4) reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains as soon as operationally expedient. The Governance and Bylaws Committee presented a motion to update the 2008 policy relative to baccalaureate degrees in community colleges, which passed unanimously.

2019 Board of Directors
Connie Hornbeck, Chair
Iowa Western Community College, IA
Dawn Erlandson, Chair-Elect
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, MN
David Mathis, Vice Chair
Mohawk Valley Community College, NY
James Cooksey, Secretary-Treasurer
Mohrly Area Community College, MO
Emily Yin, Immediate Past Chair
Edmonds Community College, WA
John Lukas, Central Regional Chair
Lakeshore Technical College, WI
Hector Ortiz, Northeast Regional Chair
Harnsburg Area Community College, PA
John Leal, Pacific Regional Chair
State Center Community College District, CA
Tamela Cullens, Southern Regional Chair
South Florida State College, FL
Kent Miller, Western Regional Chair
Mid-Plains Community College, NE
Dan Allmayer
Highline College, WA
Rose Benavidez
South Texas College, TX
Stephan Castellanos
San Joaquin Delta College, CA
Judy Chen Haggerty, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Chair
Mt. San Antonio College, CA
Edwin Dalrymple
Central Piedmont Community College, NC
Tim Hardy
Louisiana Community & Technical College System, LA
Robert Hydorn
Montgomery College, MD
William Kelley
Harper College, IL
Gregory Knott
Parkland College, IL
Larry Meyer
Lansing Community College, MI
Dan Mims
San Jacinto College, TX
Rosalena O’Neil
Northern Virginia Community College, VA
Bernie Rhinerson
Southwestern Community College District, CA
Alton Smith
Lone Star College System, TX
Dennis Troy
Bladen Community College, NC
Gilbert Wong
Foothill-De Anza Community College District, CA
Inviting member trustees to serve on ACCT Board Committees has expanded membership participation in the governance of the Association while bringing new ideas and expertise to committee deliberations.

Committees for 2020 will be formed before the first of the year. Member trustees are asked to indicate their interest in serving as an appointed committee member for a one-year term by November 1, 2019. Those interested in serving should submit the 2020 Committee Interest Form indicating committee preferences. (If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may not be placed on another committee unless a second and third choice is stated.) If you wish to include comments relating to your committee choices and areas of expertise, you may fill this in under the “Comments” section of the form. Each request must have a letter of nomination from the individual’s board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee. ACCT committees seeking volunteer members are:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion — The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee ensures leadership for the involvement of historically underrepresented diverse populations within the governance activities of ACCT. It promotes respect for and acceptance of diverse individuals and promotes awareness and educational opportunity for underrepresented populations. It advises the ACCT Board by strengthening the links with the minority membership, identifying issues that require member input, and recommending strategies to gather input.

- Finance and Audit — The Finance and Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring executive compliance with fiscally related Policies and Bylaws, reviewing the annual budget and the financial audit, establishing procedures for the periodic audit of Association programs and services, and reporting to the Board of Directors.

- Governance and Bylaws — The Governance and Bylaws Committee is responsible for reviewing resolutions related to the governance of the Association, amendments to the Bylaws, and Board Policies. In fulfilling this charge, the Committee helps ensure that the Board of Directors is fulfilling its role to represent the member boards in determining and demanding appropriate organizational performance through its written governing policies.

- Member Communications and Education Committee — The Member Communications and Education Committee is responsible for evaluating and making recommendations to strengthen the Board’s links with the membership; identifying issues that require member input; and recommending strategies to gather input. Additionally, it evaluates and makes recommendations to strengthen current ACCT education programs and recommend additional programs that promote effective board governance through advocacy and education. The committee also assists in identifying Regional Nominating and Regional Award Committee members.

- Public Policy and Advocacy — The Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is charged with reviewing public policy issues and recommending positions to the Board of Directors.

ACCT Board Policy states that the ACCT Chair will appoint committee members. In making appointments, the ACCT Chair will consider regional representation, gender, and diversity. Each committee chair shall be a member of the ACCT Board of Directors.

Appointed members may be selected for committee membership under the following conditions:
1. They shall be selected from Voting Members.
2. They may serve three consecutive one-year terms per committee.
3. No more than one associate member from a college shall serve on any one board committee.
4. All related expenses are the responsibility of their college.
5. They have full voting rights.
6. They shall have a letter of nomination from their board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee.

Please Note: APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING IN 2019 MUST RE-APPLY IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN 2020. Colleges may submit a letter of support covering two years of service, but the Committee Interest Form must be filled out each year. Your application will be considered incomplete and will NOT be processed without the letter of support from your institution.

ACCT committees will meet in 2020 immediately prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit scheduled February 9-12, 2020 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, D.C., and a day or two before the ACCT Leadership Congress in Chicago, Illinois on September 30-October 3, 2020. Committee work may also be done through e-mail and postal mail.

If you are interested in serving and your board has agreed to send a letter of nomination and financially support your attendance at the events above, please submit the following:
1. 2020 Committee Interest Form (see page 15); and
2. A letter of nomination from your board supporting your appointment to an ACCT committee.

These documents must be received at ACCT by November 1, 2019. Please send it to the attention of the ACCT Chair at assocmemb@acct.org, electronic mail preferred, or via standard mail to ACCT, 1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20036; FAX (202) 223-1297.
The State, Province, and Territory Coordinators Network plays a vital role in supporting the operations of the association by linking the Board of Directors and staff directly to the membership. Coordinators, appointed by the ACCT Regional Chairs, are the voices and faces of ACCT in their local communities, and a primary source of information from their communities back to the ACCT Board and staff.

State Coordinators are expected to attend the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress and the Community College National Legislative Summit. Coordinators are appointed to three-year terms with no limit on the number of terms they may serve, and are reappointed with the approval of the ACCT Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A STATE COORDINATOR:

- Serves as the communications link between the Regional Chairs and ACCT member college boards
- Secures and retains ACCT member institutions
- Shares feedback regarding the association’s products, services, and activities

For more information, please visit https://www.acct.org/page/governance
BOARD COMMITTEES
Board committees communicate with the membership and inform the Board of Directors about membership values, interests, and challenges.

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
- Member Communications and Education Committee
- Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS
The Advisory Committee of Presidents provides presidential perspectives to the chair of ACCT on the services, policies and positions of the Association.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Regional Nominating Committees are composed of five members and responsible for interviewing and recommending candidates for the ACCT Board of Directors and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

STUDENT TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Student Trustee Advisory Committee provides a forum for the exchange of information regarding students’ interests and priorities with ACCT Board, staff and community colleges on the national level.

TRUSTEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Trustee Advisory Committee provides expert guidance and historical perspective on ACCT trustee education programs and services. Members are both former ACCT Board members and current trustees in good standing of their member institutions.

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The 26-member Board of Directors includes 15 directors elected regionally, nine directors at-large elected by the Senate, and two directors appointed by the Chair. A full elected term is three years. All occur during the Annual ACCT Leadership Congress.

The Board of Directors meets three times per year: prior to the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., a day or two before the Annual Leadership Congress, and during the Summer Board Retreat. Work is also done through telephone, e-mail, and postal mail.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors establishes policies that supervise, control, and direct the affairs of the Association within the limits of and consistent with the Bylaws and Resolutions promulgated by the Senate.

The ACCT Board of Directors represents community college trustees throughout ACCT’s membership territory, which currently includes the United States and several outlying territories, as well as some Canadian provinces.

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2020 Associate Committee Interest Form

Please rank the committees in your preferred order of service (1=Most Preferred; 5=Least Preferred).

• If only one choice is listed and you are not selected to serve on the committee of your choice, you may NOT be placed on another committee.

☐ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
☐ Finance and Audit Committee
☐ Governance and Bylaws Committee
☐ Member Communications and Education Committee
☐ Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

INFORMATION:
(Please fill out completely)

PREFIX NAME SUFFIX

TITLE INSTITUTION

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE FAX E-MAIL

PROFESSIONAL BOARD STAFF

NAME PHONE E-MAIL

☐ Letter of nomination from your board supporting the appointment to an ACCT committee enclosed

COMMENTS:


This form must be returned to assocmemb@acct.org by November 1, 2019.

You can also fill out the form online at https://www.acct.org/board-committee-interest-form.
Registration is now open for the 2019 ACCT Leadership Congress!

The ACCT Congress will take place on October 16-19 at the San Francisco Union Square. This year’s theme is Past is Prologue. Building a Bridge to the Future. To register and for more information, go to: https://www.congress.acct.org/

ACCT DEADLINES

- ACCT Leadership Congress Presentation Proposal Submissions
  May 3, 2019
- Regional Awards Nomination Submissions
  June 10, 2019
- Director-at-Large Candidate Nominations
  July 1, 2019
- Amendments to the ACCT Bylaws
  July 1, 2019

- Submitting Senate Resolutions
  July 1, 2019
- San Francisco Congress Early Bird Registration Ends
  August 9, 2019
- San Francisco Congress Hotel Reservations Deadline
  September 16, 2019
- Application to Serve as an ACCT Committee Member in 2020
  November 1, 2019

ACCT has a toll free number! Contact us at 866-895-ACCT (2228) or fax us at 866-904-ACCT (2228)

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